

STATEMENT OF: **JOHN PAUL TABAKIAN**

CANDIDATE FOR: **TORRANCE CITY GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION:
MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

ELECTION DATE: **06/03/2014** AGE: **38** OCCUPATION: **PROFESSOR/BUSINESS OWNER**

I am a 34-year resident of Torrance, college professor, and owner of a Torrance business that offers career pathway advice for students. I am fighting to keep Torrance on the right path to prosperity, while keeping our small town feel. This requires sounding the alarm against the installation of parking meters. I will not allow Torrance to become another overdeveloped West Los Angeles. I am a straight talking man who believes in common sense.

The city removed its parking meters from Old Torrance in 1960 and there is a possibility that they may return. I am vehemently opposed to the installation of parking meters and have adopted an anti-parking meter logo to represent my campaign. I believe that the reintroduction of parking meters will spread to other parts of the city, including our parks. I do not want Torrance to become overdeveloped.

I am running to make a difference. This statement may sound cliché, but it is the truth. My entire career in the public and private sector is to help people achieve success. As your councilmember, I will answer only to you, the voter, and not to special interests.

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